Mixing of toxic octane-booster in petrol

4263. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Euro-III emission norms have been introduced in Delhi and other metro cities *w.e.f.* 1st April, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of Government that oil firms are using toxic octane-booster in petrol;

(d) whether this damages the brain and clogs the vehicle emission system; and

(e) if so, the measures taken by Government to ensure that oil companies do not at all use this toxic octane-enchancer?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Euro-III equivalent Petrol & Diesel has been introduced from 1.4.2005 in 11 identified cities *i.e.* Delhi/National Capital Region, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Surat, Kanpur & Agra.

(c) to (e) Except for Numaligarh Refinery which uses marginal quantities of Methylcyclopentadienyl Manganese Tricarbonyl (MMT) as a trimming agent for a marginal increase in the octane number of Motor Spirit, other Public Sector Oil Refineries are not using MMT any more. Numaligarh Refinery Limited too will discontinue the use of MMT by March 2006, by when the new facilities being set up by them for producing Motor spirit are expected to be completed.

Measures to ensure delivery of subsidised Kerosene/LPG to the targeted segments

4264. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently an elaborate plan has been drawn up to stop the diversion of kerosene supplied through the Public Distribution System (PDS) for adulteration of diesel and petrol and to strengthen the distribution network of subsidized kerosene and domestic LPG so that these essential items actually reach the targeted segments of the population;